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Paralympic tickets go on sale

TICKETS for the London 2012 Paralympic Games go on sale this Friday (September 9).

LOCOG, the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic games, will open the application window for Games tickets until Monday, September 26.

It's the first chance for the public - and local residents - to apply for tickets to the world's second largest sporting event. The Games will feature 4,200 athletes from 150 countries competing in 300 sessions across 20 sports in 20 venues - three of which are in Greenwich - over 11 days. A third of the tickets will be priced at just £5, with half at £10 or less and three quarters at £20 or less. There will also be special group rates and day passes.

Tickets will be available at www.tickets.london2012.com. As with Olympic Games tickets, applications are made for tickets and if sessions are oversubscribed, they will be allocated via a random selection ballot.

A day of celebrations is being held at London's Trafalgar Square this Thursday, September 8, for International Paralympic Day.

A full day of activity will celebrate elite Paralympic sport, with displays and demonstrations featuring leading athletes from the UK and around the world. Highlights include a Sitting Volleyball World Record attempt at 9:30am and, at 6pm, the official invitation by the International Paralympic Committee to athletes and National Paralympic Committees around the world to participate in the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

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In my
opinionWhen
it's good
to be a
quitter

GREAT news for Greenwich this week as we learn that more and more people in the borough are kicking the habit. Between March 2010 and April 2011, 4,043 smokers in Greenwich set a date to quit, and 1,811 were not smoking after four weeks. I'm encouraged by the figures as the percentage of those deciding to quit, and still not smoking after four weeks, was almost as high as the London-wide figure of 47 per cent. Smoking remains one of the major causes of ill health and early death so we certainly won't be resting on our laurels. Greenwich residents will still have the opportunity to access a number of services to help them quit smoking. These include drop-in centres, as well as mobile units where people can get advice about nicotine gum and patches, as well as support for pregnant women who smoke. In Greenwich, we held a roadshow called 'How Old Are Your Lungs?' between January and March this year, which involved a mobile lung testing unit visiting places like supermarkets and high streets. This unit did free lung tests for 16,120

people in six weeks. Of these, 490 people asked for a one to one session with a stop smoking adviser, 177 pledged to stop smoking on the spot and of these, 108 were not smoking after four weeks. But smoking is still the biggest single cause of ill health in Greenwich. This year the Stop Smoking Service has launched a new campaign called 'Make This Time the Last Time'. It's been built around real life stories from local people to raise awareness of the support available to smokers in Greenwich, and to remind them that no matter how many times you have tried before, you're four times more likely to quit with NHS services support. The good news for smokers in Greenwich is that it is never too late to give up, and there's plenty of free support available so that smokers don't feel as if they are alone. For more information on the Greenwich stop smoking, visit the Greenwich Healthy Living website (GHLiS) at www.greenwich.healthyliving.nhs.uk

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Your chance to run for Starting Blocks

LOCAL runners wishing to take part in a 5km or 10km run next month can get a free place if they raise funds for a Greenwich Starting Blocks - the local trust that provides bursaries to help young athletes with funding. The Credit Suisse Beckton Park Challenge takes place in Newham over a 5k and 10k course on Sunday, September 18, and it's being

run in partnership with the six Olympic host boroughs. The course is easily accessible from Greenwich and Woolwich by DLR. Organisers have offered up to 10 free places to anyone running for Greenwich Starting Blocks, which funds young athletes in Greenwich to help increase their chances of competing at the highest level, in 2012 and beyond.

To secure your place (first come, first served), please contact Melissa Catchpole on 020-8921 8088; email melissa.catchpole@greenwich.gov.uk For more details of the event visit www.credit-suisse.com/becktonparkchallenge ● For more on Greenwich Starting Blocks visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/startingblocks

SBs gala dinner

THERE are tickets still available for the Starting Blocks gala dinner on September 15 at the Indigo2. Heather Small from M People will be performing at the bash and guests speakers include Lord Seb Coe. Tickets are £90 including a £15 gift aid donation, or £75 without. To book tickets call Janine Whittaker on 020 8921 5408 or email: janine.whittaker@startingblocks



HOW IT WILL LOOK: the hotel planned for the Royal Arsenal Development

Royal Arsenal to get its own hotel

New 130-bed hotel planned for Woolwich riverside

by Peter Cordwell

A 130-ROOM hotel is due to open at Berkeley Homes' Royal Arsenal Riverside development in Woolwich by spring, 2013.

The site, which was granted planning permission in March, has been acquired by Key Homes Group with a 125-year lease and the hotel will provide a total of 4,144 square metres of accommodation.

Paul Vallone, managing director at Berkeley Homes (Urban Renaissance) said: "The deal with Key Homes Group will enable us to realise our long-standing vision of bringing a quality hotel to Royal Arsenal Riverside.

"The scheme has already transformed the riverside

in Woolwich into a vibrant and sustainable community, but the addition of a hotel, alongside the forthcoming development of a Tesco Express and the confirmation that Crossrail will also be coming to the site, will elevate the development to a new level."

Rafik Patel, of Key Homes Group, said: "Royal Arsenal Riverside is the perfect location for a quality mid-market hotel. The development itself has an established welcoming ambience and the superb transport links including railway station, DLR and Thames Clipper services - as well as the forthcoming Crossrail project - means that it is ideally located for both business travellers and tourists looking for quick

access to Canary Wharf, the City and West End." The developer has a number of other hotel schemes planned in London, including the Holiday Inn Docklands close to Canary Wharf and a Park Inn in Wembley.

The riverside development already has more than 1,750 homes housing more than 3,500 residents, providing a gym, car share club, Young's gastropub, health & wellbeing centre, museum and café/delicatessen and the forthcoming Tesco Express.

Woolwich's Thames waterside has been opened up to public use, attracting investment and improving transport links. Another 3,700 additional homes, plus retail facilities and the Crossrail station are still to come.

Cllr Denise Hyland, the council's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills said:

"This development is more evidence of the fast-moving renaissance taking place in Woolwich at the moment - this is one of many exciting schemes due to get underway and it shows the confidence there is in the area, which is very well-placed with the arrival of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games next year.

"It's great to see our already booming tourism industry is being further boosted by this extra planned provision of hotel rooms and shows how Greenwich is capitalising on the opportunities we have here - not least being spurred on by our becoming a Royal Borough next year too."

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Mum's the bird!



by Peter Cordwell

Deanne steps in to save the day at skydive fundraiser for son Freddie



ON SOLID GROUND: Freddie's family and friends pose for a post-dive photo after Deanne's high-flying feat

TALK about leave it to Mum!

Brave Deanne Farmer saved the day at a £3,000 skydive fundraiser by jumping out of a Cessna 208 at 12,000 feet.

The Eltham mum dived in after her dad, Danny Catchesides, and brother, Danny junior, got the thumbs down at Headcorn Aerodrome in Kent.

"It was easy, like jumping out of an aeroplane!" beamed Deanne, 38, as she was hugged and kissed by supporters after the tandem skydive.

"I felt in very safe hands and it was absolutely brilliant, I loved every minute of it! I felt a little bit queasy on the spins, it was like a very fast fairground ride. Jumping out the plane was a bit surreal. I thought: 'I don't believe I'm doing this'."

"Before you can change your mind they say just go and you freefall and it's amazing, you're just looking around at everything, it's awesome. I loved it and it goes so quickly. I'd recommend anyone to do it."

The skydive was for the Freddie Farmer Foundation, set up in March to raise £250,000 for a specialist physiotherapist centre locally for Deanne's son Freddie and children like him with serious movement problems.

Freddie's granddad passed a medical for blood pressure but had the wrong form for the skydive, and "gutted" uncle Danny was a pound over the British Parachute Association's 14st 7lbs safety limit.

Then came the shout from the aerodrome café: "Mum's going to do it!"

Deanne, who hadn't prepared for it at all, said: "It was a bit emotional and I shed some tears but then I was really up for it. After all, I'd made two bungee jumps!"

Uncle Danny said: "I thought being under 15st was okay, but it was incredible of Deanne to step in. That sums her up really." And her other son, Oliver, who

was celebrating his 10th birthday, said: "I'm very proud of mum, but she's crazy!"

Tandem instructor Lance Corporal Frank Millerick, from the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, did the dive with Deanne, his 951st. He said: "We've had more than 200 charity skydives so far this year. They're to show that the Army does other things apart from active service. It was brave of Deanne but sometimes you need a leap of faith like this."

Two other stalwart supporters from Shooters Hill Golf Club – 33-year-old Alex Williams and Dave Gravell, 34 – skydived after Deanne for the charity. Alex said: "I volunteered after having a little bit too much to drink and Dave found out he'd volunteered after coming back from the loo!"

"I'd been dreading it since the moment I remembered saying I'd do it in April. But Deanne was the star of the show."

● **FIND out more about the Freddie Farmer Foundation** at www.freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk/

Paralympic tickets on sale

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Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for sport, culture and the Olympics, said: "It's a chance to experience first-hand the inspiration and excitement that the Paralympic Games will bring to the UK and London next summer. The celebrations will give people the chance to find out about each of the sports taking place at London 2012, meet some of their top athletes and enjoy the passion, drama and emotion of the world's second largest sporting event." For more details of the London 2012 Paralympic Games in Greenwich visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/2012

Missing girl safe

MISSING Thamesmead teenager Amna Ali has been found safe and well. Seventeen-year-old Amna went missing on August 10. A Met spokesman said: "Police in Greenwich would like to thank members of the public who contacted detectives searching for Amna and assisted with their enquiries."

Correction

IN last week's GCSE feature (GT August 30, p12-13) we wrongly named Louis Colquhoun (right) as Paul Cohen. Louis got straight A*s, and not straight As. Well done!



High Street cash support for three more Woolwich firms

THREE more Woolwich businesses that were targeted by rioters are to get financial help from the High Street Business Recovery Scheme. They are Cash Converters, St James Medichem and the Somali Care Agency. All three had their applications for support approved conditionally by Greenwich Council last Thursday. Around 50 businesses that were affected by the disturbances have been given information about

how to make a claim after the government announced that Greenwich would get one of the largest shares of the fund. It was in recognition that the borough had been one of the worst to be hit. It led to the relaunch of the Woolwich Traders Forum, and Greenwich Council organised a business surgery where traders could get advice from specialist agencies. About 60 small business owners went along. A breakfast meeting

was also arranged by the council for larger organisations. A fund has also been set up by the council called 'Greenwich Backing Local Business' to help business and residents who were affected. ● For information about the appeal fund or to donate visit at www.greenwich.gov.uk ● Firms which need help or advice should contact the council's business team on 020 8921 8689 or go to business@greenwich.gov.uk



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Why I'll be running to the beat

I HAVE lived in Maze Hill for nearly four years and a couple of years ago took advantage of the beautiful park and heath and quiet roads to take up running. Once I got past those initial few weeks of gasping for breath, burning legs and continuously walking like John Wayne, I started to really enjoy it. But it wasn't until one slightly tipsy evening out with a friend that I actually considered entering a race. In less than a month, a year on from that fateful evening, I'll be running the Run to the Beat half marathon on September 25, which is even more exciting as it starts and finishes at



The O2. But I'm not just running for fun and the sense of achievement. In 2004, when I was 21, my mother died from secondary breast cancer a week before her 48th birthday after battling the disease for nearly six years. In her last few months it spread to her brain, a cruel twist of fate as her dad died from a brain tumour eight years previously and

her mum was killed by a brain haemorrhage when she was just 42. My life has changed enormously in that time, moving to London and making Greenwich my home, my dad re-marrying and all of us coming to terms with the injustice of losing someone so fundamental at a time of her life when she could stop being a parent and start enjoying life! But I'm not running for the past but for the future and what I can do, however small, to help those affected by breast cancer now. There is a small and little heard of branch of breast cancer care called The Lavender Trust, the

only charity in the UK dedicated to raising money to specifically fund information and support for younger women with breast cancer: www.breastcancercare.org.uk and it is for this pioneering charity that I am putting myself through 13.1 miles of Greenwich hills! My whole household reads Greenwich Time every week so I know that you have much more pressing and significant stories to publish, but if there was anything you could do that might direct readers to my Virgin Money Giving site I would be so grateful: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/helenclapp
Helen Clapp, Greenwich

New centre didn't have my number

I RECENTLY visited the new Woolwich contact centre and was given a number and told to wait. My number was 203 and the counter staff were serving No. 143. I asked to speak to a manager to find out how long it would take to be served. I was told staff needed to take lunch so they had minimal staff serving. I was then told not to come in and use the contact centre at lunch time, 1pm, as this was their busy time. My concern is I work full time and the contact centre is only open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, so when are working residents supposed to access these services? Not during their lunch breaks! I am a very upset resident who has written the above to my local councillor and the council's complaints department to see how this situation can be resolved. Services should have been left at smaller, residential estate-

based contact centres!
Claire Hallinan, Woolwich.
● We are sorry that Ms Hallinan had a poor experience during the first few weeks of the new centre's opening. The Woolwich Centre handles about 2,000 customers per day with an average wait of 20 minutes. The new centre is very popular and we recognised that lunchtime queuing was a concern. We have therefore made a number of recent changes including a new information point where customers can get information on where they are in the queue and the likely wait. We also have self-service kiosks, a fast-path reception desk and have reorganised staff lunchtimes as well as recruited extra staff to cover lunchtimes. We welcome feedback that helps us give a better service and hope this experience won't be repeated.

Buying from one store is not how it should be

WHILE it is good to see that the new Tesco development is under way, I was surprised to see that the Gala Bingo Club has now closed. It is worrying that somewhere that once justified two massive cinemas cannot even support what appears to

be a popular night out elsewhere. That end of Powis Street has long been held back by council occupation of the two former department stores and is crying out for redevelopment. We need to have a choice of shops in the town centre

and should not be forced to buy everything from one store. What does the council propose for the rest of Woolwich?

Chris Leadbeater,
Shooters Hill

● The properties referred to at that end of Powis Street are

owned by Powis Street Estates and they have plans to regenerate the area starting with the building of a new Travel Lodge hotel later this month. The council will have vacated its offices, rented from Powis Street Estates, by the end of September.

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley, so get writing! For information on 2011/12 season tickets please visit www.cafc.co.uk or call 0871 226 1905.



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MARTIN BAKER: 'I am a very keen amateur photographer living in Charlton. I shot this image a couple of weeks ago, it's one of my favourites.'

Sitting on the top of eBay

Young businessman has best sales figures for the whole of the UK on internet auction site

AN entrepreneur from Greenwich has successfully bid to become UK's biggest eBay seller - and he's only 21 years old.

Dario Lopez shifts more than 2,000 items a day through the internet auction site and turns over a staggering £3million a year.

His online shop's called the London Magic Store, and specialises in the latest accessories for the latest mobile phones.

The Plumstead businessman told GT: "We were really excited when eBay told us we'd become the top seller in the UK. For a couple of years we'd been second or third, so to actually be number one is great."

Dario moved to the UK from Nepal when he was 12. Two years later he made his first sale on the site, and has since gone on to employ 13 staff at a Woolwich sorting depot.

He added: "It's growing all the time, we've got three ads on Gumtree at the moment for new staff, and when new phones come out there are new accessories for them which we stock."

Between May and the end of July this year, Dario's company has shipped more than 200,000 items.

"The most important thing is to be ahead of

by Rod Kitson

the competition," he said. "If we know a phone is going to come out we try to be first with all the accessories. That's the key."

And Dario is always looking ahead. "Summer's always quiet," he said. "Hopefully going towards Christmas it will get busier."

His top products at the moment are iPhone 4 accessories - phone covers, cases and in-car holders.

The London Magic Store's eBay account has only been live for three years, and now Dario's team has to deal with as many as 500 emails a day from customers from all over the world.

The former Crown Woods pupil began in his bedroom, selling SIM cards for mobile phones. It wasn't long before his business became too big for the family home. He opened a stall at Greenwich Market selling computer accessories before getting a shop of his own.

"In 2006 I opened an internet café in Plumstead, called AIO. After that I

moved into a small unit in Charlton," he said. "Soon we had to take on three of the units, which didn't make business sense, so we moved into one big one instead."

His current premises on the Gateway business park on Tom Cribb Road has a floor space of 6,000sq ft, and it too has become too cramped for Dario's expanding enterprise.

"We're hoping to open retail stores - I'm collecting the keys for the first one in Powis Street today, and we'll hopefully open retail stores all across the UK."

The young businessman flies out to France and Germany later this month to talk to eBay about European markets, which are expanding fast.

"It would be great to be the top eBay seller in the world, and have the London Magic Store as a global brand," he said.



TOP-RATED SELLER: Dario shows off some of his latest stock, and inset, stacking the shelves at London Magic Store's Woolwich depot

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Monster smash!

Greenwich cartoon characters are a hit with children across the country

by Hilary Bryan

ZANY cartoon characters created by Greenwich children are now being enjoyed by youngsters across the country.

And they've even voted for their favourite five in a national election.

The popular cartoon Munglers were created in school workshops by local children working with award-winning author and illustrator Guy Bass who's a regular in schools and libraries.

The 12 mischievous monster characters each have special qualities, talents and vices and are known for their love of reading, roaring and trying to outdo each other.

For the last three years they have featured on their own special set of trump cards, which are only available from local libraries. Youngsters who take part in the borough's annual reading challenge receive five cards for every book they read for the challenge.

The annual National Reading Challenge is organised by The Reading Agency to encourage children to go into libraries and read books during the school summer holidays. In Greenwich, different series of themed Munglers cards have helped to encourage more children to read.

Last year the cards were adopted by 12 London boroughs to help promote their reading challenge events. This summer the collectable Munglers Trumps cards were used in scores of libraries across the country to promote reading.

And last month more than 1,800 children voted for their favourite Mungler character in a special national election. Children at 70 libraries from Croydon to Tyneside took part in the voting and the results were counted at Eltham Library.

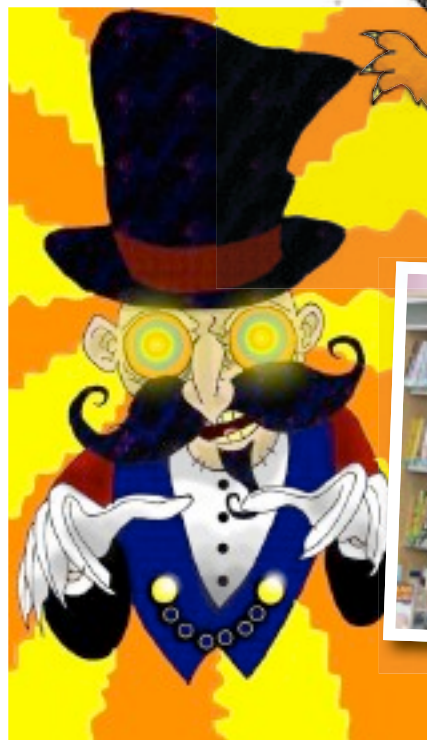
Top of the league was scheming mastermind Barnum Bluster followed by the ferocious three headed Grimolina and the lovable but smelly Miggles. In fourth and fifth place were Flobulous Flem and Wurgurgle.

Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for culture, sport and the Olympics, said: "We don't know of any other reading scheme like this and it's great to know that libraries right across the country are encouraging children to read using the Greenwich characters."

"The important point to make is that the cards are only available in libraries - you can't buy them in shops. We have seen them used across London - and now across the country - and the feedback we have from other local authorities is that the kids love them and they are certainly helping to

promote their libraries. Some have asked for repeat orders because they have run out."

● For more details about the Munglers election visit guybass.com and for more information about the cards and events in local libraries visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/libraries



MUNGLER MAGIC: the three characters, which were created by Greenwich pupils with the help of author Guy Bass, above, include Barnum Bluster, Grimolina, and Miggles

A year of fun in the sun

TWO graduates from Greenwich have used their business degrees to secure jobs in the City - but before they start work they will be spending a year in some of the world's most remote places.

Emma Sullivan, 21, and Dexter Boyce, 22, who live on Creek Road, will be travelling with nomads in Mongolia and planting trees in Madagascar - and in doing so help to improve life for local communities.

Dexter told GT: "We graduated this year and we were both offered City jobs, but we decided to defer them for a year. We've seen all our friends take a gap year and we wanted to do the same, while at the same time give something back to the places we are going to."

"We've travelled together before for three months when we went to Thailand, the Philippines, and China,

where I taught English. When you go to these places and you realise how much of a techno bubble we live in the UK. We want to support people in crisis around the world through undertaking various challenges, such as trekking to Everest Base Camp, living on under \$2 a day in India, travelling with nomads in Mongolia, which is being organised by the Red Cross, and many others. In Madagascar we have arranged with a local conservation company to work on their tree nursery."

"We hope to raise as much money as possible for the British Red Cross, while raising awareness of global challenges along the way." The couple are calling their project 'Backpacks, Beans and Benevolence' and have set themselves a target to raise £3,500.

They have set up an account

on the JustGiving website at www.justgiving.com/offbackpacksbeansandbenevolence



HAPPY CAMPERS: Dexter and Emma head to Mongolia

Domestic abuse drop-in sessions

A NEW domestic abuse Drop-In is available every Friday morning in Woolwich.

It provides practical and emotional support and advice in terms of safety planning, legal options, liaison with the police and courts, referrals to specialist counselling and therapy group, referral to refuge and immigration specialists, housing and basic benefits advice and risk assessments.

The Drop-In is every Friday between 10am-12pm at Brookhill Children's Centre, Brookhill Road, Woolwich, and includes a free crèche. The service is coordinated by the Her Centre in partnership with Greenwich Council, Greenwich Women's Aid, ASRA, Refuge, Tryangle, with the police and a solicitor available for advice each week.

For more information please call 020-3260 7772 or email info@hercentre.org

Don't lose your chance to vote in 2012

VOTER registration forms will soon be dropping through letterboxes across Greenwich. And residents are being urged to return them as soon as possible to enable them to vote in the London Mayoral and GLA elections next May. Greenwich's electoral registration office will be sending forms to households in Greenwich over the next couple of weeks in order to compile the electoral register. If you haven't received your form by early September please contact the Electoral Registration Office on 020 8921 5184. You are asked to update the annual

canvass form with the details of everyone in the household who is eligible to vote and post it back to the council as soon as possible. If you do not respond to the first form you will receive reminders and canvassers will call at non-responding addresses from early September. If you are already registered and don't need to change the details of who is registered at your address, you can re-register using our free, easy-to-use and secure phone or internet service - details are printed at the top of your form.

However, you need to re-register every year or you will be taken off the register. On your registration form you can opt to have your details excluded from the edited register. This will mean your details cannot be bought by individuals and commercial organisations, who acquire the register. It is an offence for any household to fail to give the information requested by the electoral registration officer on the household form, with a fine on conviction of up to £1,000.

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Update meeting
on shooting and
archery 2012
venue



IN SIGHT: an artist's impression of the venue's exterior

THE OLYMPIC Delivery Authority's construction team will update residents on the progress of the Olympic and Paralympic shooting and archery venue at a public meeting later this week.

The ODA is hosting its second public meeting to update residents on the work to transform the Royal Artillery Barracks and parts of Woolwich Common into a 2012 venue. The meeting is at 7pm on Thursday, September 8, at the Woolwich Common Community Centre, 16 Leslie Smith Square, Woolwich, SE18 4DW.

Residents are asked to confirm their attendance by calling the ODA's community relations team on 08000 722 110. They can also contact the team if there are any questions or issues they would like covered.

The meeting is a chance for local people to learn about the progress of building the venue for the Olympic shooting events and the Paralympic archery events.

Work on all three indoor ranges is well underway with the foundations for all the ranges complete.

Over the next few months work will take place on the outdoor shotgun and archery ranges and the blue badge parking area while most of the existing site hoardings will be replaced by security fencing allowing people to watch progress on the venue.

by Hilary Bryan

This week's public meeting follows one in March when locals outlined their concerns about traffic in the area during the Games.

On Thursday locals will be able to talk directly to traffic teams from the Olympic Delivery Authority and partner organisations about the transport plans for the venue and the surrounding area. The plans include a range of temporary traffic and parking measures to ensure that Games and local traffic is coordinated throughout the events.

LOCOG is currently working on the plans and will be contacting locals with details of the proposed changes.

It is estimated that around 104,000 spectators will attend the Royal Artillery Barracks venue during the Games - amounting to around 6,500 spectators a day.

They will be encouraged to arrive at Woolwich Arsenal station and walk to the venue while a shuttle bus service will be in place for spectators with limited mobility.

Richard Arnold, project sponsor for the shooting and archery venue at the Olympic Delivery Authority said: "We

were delighted to meet lots of local residents at our community meeting earlier this year. Construction of the venue is now well underway so we are looking forward to sharing our progress with the local residents."

● More details at
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That's when Greenwich and the rest of London loses the old analogue TV signal and has it replaced by a stronger digital signal. And now is the time to make sure you are prepared for the changeover.

There are several ways to get digital television, such as via an aerial, satellite or cable, and both subscription and non-subscription services are available.

The postcode checker on the Digital UK website at www.digitaluk.co.uk can tell when you switch and the services available where you live. Alternatively, call the Digital UK advice line on 08456 505050. Every household will also be sent detailed information about switchover in the lead-up to their local transmitter switching to digital.

Look for the 'digital tick'. This is the special logo that identifies television products and services that are designed to continue working through switchover. Remember, you don't need to buy a new television for switchover as almost any set can be converted using a digital box.

Get a check on the condition of your aerial. Most aerials will continue to work after switchover - if you get a good analogue picture now your aerial will probably be fine after switchover. To double check the condition of your aerial visit teletext page 284. If you think you need work on your aerial, look for a Registered Digital Installer (RDI) or one who is a member of a recognised trade body such as the Confederation of Aerial Industries (CAI).



TICKING ALL THE BOXES: the campaign character and below, one of the posters reminding Londoners about the switch over

A helping hand to make the switch

SOME people may find it harder than others to make the switch, but help is at hand.

The Switchover Help Scheme has been set up by the government and is run by the BBC. It aims to make digital TV easy for older and disabled people by converting one of their televisions to digital in the run-up to digital TV switchover.

The Switchover Help Scheme aims to reach out to all eligible people and ensure that those who need help get it, so that no-one is left behind and misses out on their favourite TV programmes. People are eligible for help if they are:

- aged 75 or over
- have lived in a care home for six months or more
- get or could get, disability living allowance
- receive Attendance or constant attendance allowance or mobility supplement or

- if they are registered blind or partially sighted.

In the run-up to the switchover, every eligible person will receive a Switchover Help Scheme information pack explaining the options for switching to digital. Most people will be asked to

London switches to digital April 2012



contribute £40 towards the help. The service is free for people who are eligible and also get pension credit, income support, income-based jobseekers allowance or employment and support allowance.

If you own, manage or live in a home with a communal TV aerial system and want to know how the digital TV switchover is likely to affect you, visit www.digitaluk.co.uk/propertymanagers for further information and independent advice.

The Switchover Help Scheme bus was in Calderwood Street, Woolwich, last Thursday and will be returning soon.

● Further information on the Switchover Help Scheme at helpscheme.co.uk or call 0800 40 85 900 (Textphone users 0800 4085 936). To find out when you switch go to www.digitaluk.co.uk and type in your postcode.

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of the benefits listed above or CTC (at a rate higher than the basic family element) or Working Tax Credit. Grants are available when your child enters reception year or Year 3 (£40), Year 7 (£100) and Year 9 (£70).

You may also be able to get help towards the cost of school trips and free school milk. If your child attends an Academy school, different arrangements may apply - check with the school for details.

- For more information about education benefits or to claim, contact your child's school or call Greenwich Council's Pupil Benefits team on 020 8921 2570.

If your child is staying on at school or college after their GCSEs or is doing

an approved training course, they may be able to get extra financial help. The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund is a new scheme starting this month to help young people facing financial hardship to stay in full-time education or unwaged training.

- Contact the school, college or training provider for more information or visit <http://ema.ypla.gov.uk>

There is a range of benefits and tax credits that families may be able to claim depending on their circumstances. For example, you may be able to get Child Tax Credit if you have dependent children under 20. There is also Working Tax Credit if you or your partner is in low paid work for at least 16 hours a week. You may

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The show must go on

A cast of young volunteers help clean up the theatre

by Dick Townsend-Smith

VOLUNTEERS decided the show must go on at the Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre in Woolwich, after the recent riots looked set to bring down the curtain.

Although the building in Woolwich New Road was not damaged by fire it suffered badly from smoke damage, which would have made it unusable by school and youth groups.

But offers of help to clean it up and put it back in business came quickly from the Greenwich Environment Champions, who spent time with mops and brushes making it spick and span again. Ten volunteers from the council-coordinated scheme gave up time to help out last week.

They were joined by four students on the Young Apprenticeship Programme for performing arts at the Shooters Hill Campus, who spent last Thursday afternoon helping to clean up the building. They were 15-year-olds Alice Brooks from Plumstead, Shaakirah Watson-Cohen from Thamesmead, Kurtis Welsh from Charlton, and 'JC' Hines, 16, from Charlton.

"The theatre is what we are interested in, and we wanted to see it clean again," said Shaakirah. "It's good that we can be doing something to help, and afterwards I felt that

I had done a good thing for my community." And Alice added: "People think that some people our age are thugs, but it's not true that we are all like that."

Support for the Young People's Theatre has also come from Greenwich Council, which replaced the front and internal doors which were smashed by the rioters. The B&Q group has supplied cleaning materials, and Wilkinson - the nearby homestore which was damaged by fire - is paying for their own contractors to redecorate the foyer area and offices.

Theatre director Jeremy James, who has been doing the job for eight years, was delighted with the support he had received. He told GT: "The building dates back to 1902 when it was a power sub-station for trams and it is still called the Tramshed. There was a lot of smoke damage after the riots, and the volunteers have tackled it by cleaning and wiping down walls and doors, emptying bookshelves and cleaning them, and packing stuff up. A lot of people have helped us."

He added: "We were still able to run dance and yoga classes in the small studio, which wasn't affected, but we needed to get main areas ready to reopen on September 19 when our next youth programme starts. In October

we celebrate our general election and around the area and we each year.

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TOP WITH A MOP: Kurtis Welsh gets handy with a mop and bucket



WASH AND WIPE: Alice Brooks cleans the auditorium entrance



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celebrate our 40th year, and we now have three generations who have been with us, including the children of some of our original members. And 400 young people have regular activities here, and we get about 8,000 young people in our audiences each year."

The reason for the volunteers' tireless work came from Maureen O'Mara, the council's cabinet member for environment and community safety. She told the community spirit shown by these people, particularly the younger ones, is a fantastic tribute to the volunteers who were determined not to let a mindless act of vandalism spoil things for everyone else."

Environment Champions is a borough-wide scheme where residents can volunteer to help with clean-ups and keep an eye on environmental issues in their area. The work simply involves reporting environmental problems such as overflowing litter bins, graffiti and abandoned vehicles. People decide for themselves how much time they want to spend on the job and which area to keep an eye on. There are also opportunities to go on estate inspections with council officers. If you want to become an Environment Champion email enviro@greenwich.gov.uk or call 020 8921 5904.

BROOM, BROOM: JC
outside the theatre
with the theatre's
director Jeremy
James



TO BE APPLAUDED:
volunteers from the Young
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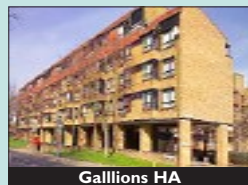
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This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 249

| Address | Bed-rooms | Property Type | No of Bids | Reg date of successful app | Band |
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| Whinchat Road SE28 0EA | 1 | FLAT | 283 | 17/03/2009 | C |
| Limekiln Drive SE7 7JA | 2 | FLAT | | No Eligible Bids | |
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| Whinchat Road SE28 0EA | 1 | FLAT | 221 | 28/10/2008 | C |
| Mill Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 8BX | 1 | FLAT | 200 | 06/02/2008 | C |
| Commonwealth Way SE2 0LB | 2 | FLAT | 24 | 04/01/2010 | A |
| Dyson House Blackwall Lane SE10 0RD | 3 | FLAT | 23 | 04/01/2011 | B |
| Mandeville Close Vanbrugh Park SE3 7AH | 2 | MAISONETTE | 52 | 01/03/1987 | A |
| The Oaks SE18 7JR | 2 | FLAT | 11 | 27/06/2011 | B |
| Ann Street SE18 7LU | 3 | MAISONETTE | | No Eligible Bids | |
| Zealand House Maryon Road SE18 5HU | 2 | FLAT | 256 | 16/01/2009 | C |
| Commonwealth Way SE2 0LB | 2 | FLAT | 9 | 16/08/2011 | B |
| Ruegg House Woolwich Common SE18 4HA | 2 | FLAT | 16 | 22/06/2011 | B |
| Reidhaven Road SE18 1BN | 2 | PARLOUR HOUSE | 49 | 07/04/2010 | B |
| Barnfield Gardens SE18 3QU | 2 | FLAT | 296 | 19/01/2009 | C |
| Hardinge Crescent SE18 6TB | 3 | HOUSE | 110 | 17/07/2000 | A |
| Eynsham Drive SE2 9QZ | 2 | FLAT | 31 | 29/12/2008 | A |
| Gaumont House Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DX | 1 | FLAT | 55 | 08/06/2010 | B |
| Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6SU | 1 | FLAT | | No Eligible Bids | |
| Gaumont House Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DX | 3 | FLAT | 19 | 21/04/2011 | B |
| Gaumont House Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DX | 1 | FLAT | 446 | 15/10/2001 | C |
| Gaumont House Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DX | 3 | FLAT | 18 | 04/06/2010 | B |
| Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DA | 1 | FLAT | 386 | 29/04/2004 | C |
| Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DA | 3 | FLAT | 360 | 04/09/2002 | C |
| Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DA | 1 | FLAT | | No Eligible Bids | |
| Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DA | 3 | FLAT | | No Eligible Bids | |
| Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DA | 3 | FLAT | | No Eligible Bids | |
| Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DA | 1 | FLAT | 354 | 10/04/2006 | C |
| Odeon Parade, Well Hall Road SE9 6DA | 1 | FLAT | 61 | 21/05/2008 | B |
| Tivoli Gardens SE18 5PE | 2 | FLAT | 249 | 02/01/2009 | C |
| Linnet Close SE28 8HY | 1 | FLAT | 210 | 10/08/2009 | C |
| Fairlawn Court Cherry Orchard Estate SE7 7DU | 2 | FLAT | 300 | 30/08/2006 | C |
| David House High Street South Norwood SE25 6EA | 2 | FLAT | 14 | 08/03/2010 | C |

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Olly's in the market for pop vid

Popstar rides into Greenwich to film video for latest single



X-FACTOR runner-up Olly Murs was in Greenwich last week filming the video for his latest single.

The popstar and his 25-strong team were shooting in and around the covered market on Wednesday August 31, and is the latest in a long line of artists who use SE10 for a film shoot. The blockbuster of the summer, *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* was filmed here last year, and Olly's visit shows that Greenwich has lost none of its pull as a popular backdrop for film and video work.

Tom Dingley works in the market and managed to grab these shots of Olly. He told GT: "Olly was here throughout the day. He was using the Coach and Horses inside the market as the base

for him and his sizable team. When there was a break in the filming he was looking round the stalls – the stallholders were really excited to see him and a lot of them had their photos taken with him."

He added: "I took his picture and he told me he was really looking forward to his day here."

"There was a crowd of his female fans who had gathered around the entrance to the market and the Coach and Horses. A lot of them had made banners to show their support."

• For more information on other films and videos which have been shot in Greenwich, visit the council film unit's website at: www.greenwich.gov.uk/film



STILL GOT THE X-FACTOR: Olly, above, and top, Olly and video co-star roll into the market in a really smart car

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Pension Fund Investment & Administration Panel - Monday September 12, 10.30am

Highways Committee - Tuesday September 13, 7.00pm

More information on 020-8921 5130 or www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings

By Hadez! Greenwich rockers play BBC fest

NEPALESE band Hadez performed to tens of thousands of people last Sunday at the 2011 London Mela.

The Greenwich-based rock band were at the annual event in Gunnersbury Park, Ealing which celebrates Asian culture and art.

The BBC Asian Network festival showcases emerging British artists as well as bringing traditional and classical art forms to a wider audience. Hadez performed alongside a host of recording stars and artists from the UK and around the world which included other headline acts Jay Sean, Jazzy B and Ash King. The four-piece

band have a commercial sound and met three years ago at the Meridian Music Centre in Greenwich, and have since created a following performing in top venues such as The O2 and the Camden Underworld. The band's 2010 performance at the O2 to an audience of over 92,000 saw them take home the award for the 2010 International Nepalese Live Band Contest. They also reached the semi finals in both the Emergenza Festival and Surface Unsigned. They have toured from the South West to the North East of England and the band has also appeared on the bill at the NHS 'Rock Your Mind' Festival for



charity. Their next appearance will be later this year with a tour beginning in October at the New Cross Inn.

Hadez are currently recording at London's Braindead Studios with the aim of releasing their

next album 'Rock & Load' in January 2012 and doing a promotional tour of Europe, the Far East and the USA.

• For more on the band visit www.myspace.com/hadesukonline

SCENE

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New York man in England

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Movie

One day at a time for Hathaway

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The special AKA

Stephen K Amos is back at the Greenwich Comedy Festival this week. He chats to Scene about new comics and the wealth of material he finds in everyday life

STEPHEN K AMOS is a busy man. *Scene* caught up with him as he stepped off the plane from a mini-tour of Sweden.

SUITS YOU: Amos is back at the GCF for a second year running



He wasn't doing 'an Izzard' incidentally, who took on the task of delivering an entire set in French. "They speak very good English, luckily," Stephen quipped.

The comic headlines the Greenwich Comedy Festival on Sunday. The fest at the Old Royal Naval College is on all this week, and is part of the Greenwich Festivals, supported by the council.

"Comedy is such a booming business at the moment," he added. "Up and down the country there are comedy clubs every night of the week, and in London there's 15 or 20 comedy clubs. "The

negative of its hugeness that there aren't actually that many good comics.

"That's a fact. All the good ones start going out on tour when they're not quite ready. They come through so fast now."

Stephen's meteoric rise is a classic 'overnight success' story: decades of traipsing up and down the country for no money and fewer laughs, only to be catapulted into the living rooms of millions of discerning comedy fans who then 'discovered' him.

It's a different game now, the comic says. Comedy is a vehicle. It's a fame wagon. "When I started there wasn't Live at the Apollo and McIntyre's Roadshow," Stephen said. "There was no platform for stand-ups on TV. And now people can see that there's a progression: you get on TV, you do a tour, you're famous."

He's earned the right to cynicism, having plied his trade for years in the grottiest of comedy clubs the length and breadth of the land.

"New comics are starting out early because they can see the career path, and there are people coming through who are clearly influenced by the comedians who came through when I started years ago."

Stephen will be premiering his new tour, *Best Medicine*, and, he says, everyday life is a constant source of comedy gold.

"Last week I had an ankle injury and I went to my local hospital A&E and it was like the *Living Dead* - it was such a wealth of comedy. I walk in, and they all just slowly look up and stare at me and say, [cracked voice]: 'There's that bloke' - it was so

embarrassing.

"We're all there with our own ailments and I'm trying to be really discreet, and the guy behind the desk goes: 'Oh! Stephen K Amos - I love your stuff!' Then everyone else there started saying, 'What's he doing here?'"

"In the end it got so bad that I just left, without seeing the doctor!"

"Things happen all the time," he added. "I was on my way back from Edinburgh two days ago on the plane, someone was putting their luggage in the overhead lockers, and she went to put it in and completely missed, and the bag fell on my head. "The whole plane erupted into laughter and I was there with a damaged head. You couldn't write that kind of thing - all I expected next was there would be a banana skin in the aisle!"

His anecdotal style owes much to Richard Pryor. "He was the one who started that whole thing of talking about yourself - his trials and tribulations and making it funny," said Stephen.

"When I started looking at my own life I realised we've all got things which might not have been funny at the time, but are now. When you think back there are so many shared experiences - growing up as a family, schools, first job, college."

So how's that injured ankle bearing up for the gig, we ask?

"Well, I say it was a swollen ankle... it was actually a bunion. At my age I should not be getting a bunion, but I did."

Rod Kitson

Stephen plays the festival *Big Top* on Sunday September 11. Tickets and info at www.greenwichcomedyfestival.co.uk

THE GREENWICH FESTIVALS

Art matters

Revealing Richardson

LOCAL artist Ray Richardson will be presenting his first solo exhibition for two years next month at the Ben Oakley Gallery in Greenwich.

The venue on Turnpin Lane is hosting the free event as part of the London's No One exhibition with a mixture of drawings and paintings and over 40 works for the public to see.

Born in Woolwich Dockyard, Richardson attended Goldsmith's and St Martins School of Art. Since his first exhibition in the late 1980's the artist has gone on to showcase his work internationally with exhibitions in Paris, Brussels, Chicago and Connecticut.

His work has won him the 1989 and 1999 British Council Award and a 1990 BP Portrait Award commendation. Currently residing and working in Woolwich, Richardson will display his latest works throughout October with a preview evening on September 29 by invite only.

The exhibition is open for general admission from 11-6pm Tuesday to Sunday and by appointment only on Monday to Wednesday.

For more information visit www.rayrichardson.co.uk and www.benoakley.com

Strummersville

Carl's cartel at Oliver's

THE Carl Picton Cartel - a big hit at last year's Summer Sessions at the Old Royal Naval College - will be playing at Oliver's in Nevada Street Greenwich.

The venue's just across the road from Greenwich Theatre and the gig is on Friday, September 9, from 8pm.

"We've got a few band changes and a few new songs," Carl, from Charlton, told Scene. "I'm also working on a cabaret with a local journalist, called 'One Georgie Orwell', which is due to be staged at Greenwich Theatre next April."

Tickets £5 on the door. Have a listen to songs by the Cartel and Carl's solo album - including the much-admired Samuel Beckett - at <http://carlpictoncartel.net>

It's (a) fete

THE Woolwich Unity Fair takes place on the Walpole Estate this Saturday, September 10. Entry is free and there will be dancing, food and drink stalls, Tai Chi and Taekwondo demonstrations. Starts at 12noon and runs until 4pm

Calling all writers! If you would like to submit a review to Scene email rodkitson@gmail.com

FINAL SCENE

Once upon a time in New York

An autobiographical one-man show marks the beginning of a partnership between Greenwich Theatre and a pair of playhouses in the Big Apple



THE American Dream says that anyone with an idea can make something of themselves.

It's a neat slogan, but it's not always that simple. Some have the means to dream bigger than others.

Two mice fell into a bucket of cream. One gave up and quickly drowned, the other thrashed its legs until the cream turned to butter and it walked out. Only sometimes that cream never wants to churn, it resists as if it were milk.

Heavy Like the Weight of Flame is the story of a man treading water.

The autobiographical tale of a young man growing up, **R Ernie Silva** seems forever destined for a cycle of poverty and drugs on a Brooklyn project.

The 20-something New Yorker, playing himself, took centre stage for the four-night run at Greenwich Theatre last week. His brothers are hooked, and his mother's fatalism hangs over him like a cloud.

"Life is hard," she tells him over and over, like a mantra.

HLTWoF is an honest, if sometimes embellished account of Silva's struggle to escape the pitfalls of the city's street life. The performance is the first in a series of transatlantic exchanges between the theatre and a pair of playhouses in New York. Silva is an excellent physical actor, and an extrovert.

It's the kind of boy done good yarn on which America has built its reputation as king of the heartstring-tuggers - emotive and amusing all at once. Each time the piece threatened to become self-pitying, the storyteller dragged the narrative up by the bootstraps with a shot of humour.

There may have been only one guy on stage, but he was playing everyone in his life. The dynamic performance had been honed from runs across the States and at the Edinburgh Festival.

The show was slick and polished - as is to be expected from an American export. If the dialogue began to lag, the

actor reeled in the audience with a breakdancing skit or the impersonations which signposted his influences. There was a double-take impression of Jimi Hendrix which had been perfected on the busking circuit, and even more prevalent was the shadow of Richard Pryor.

Pryor's influence showed in Silva's storytelling, his truth, and in the ability to turn the most traumatic situations into compelling catharsis. The brief musical numbers were the only weak link in a gripping hour-and-a-half.

Unlike his commanding vocal presence, the actor's guitar playing was coy and tentative.

But he worked the audience like a pro with the slapstick delivery of a New York street performer. The physicality of the actions as he jumped from the train that took him out of the city, and as he stood in the wilderness looking up at the Big Dipper the audience - almost as one - turned their eyes to the ceiling expecting to see stars. There were all the capers to be expected of any self-respecting road trip, and the story bares more than a passing resemblance to another self-confessed influence that Silva packs into his knotted handkerchief before he jumped town: Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*.

But unlike Kerouac's directionless east-west yo-yo, *Heavy Like Flame* actually has a point. And while it might not be the most surprising epiphany, an American Dream can't always be the perfect reality.

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That was a day of our lives...

Don't believe the hype: One Day is a terrific adaptation



THE release of **One Day** has been smattered with sniping.

Would Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan have done a better job? Can a glamorous American play a retiring English rose? Does the emotion of the novel truly shine through? But to snipe is to miss the point. This is, in fact, an excellent adaptation of a marvellous book.

The film, based on the David Nicholls novel, tells the story of Emma (Anne Hathaway) and Dexter (Jim Sturgess) two Edinburgh students whose post-finals fling leads to an intertwining of souls. But neither soul is ready and the combination seems doomed. He is wealthy and confident, she poor and insecure. Over the next 20 years - on the same day each year, - we catch up with their lives, what has worked, what has not. We see them together, holidaying in France and we see them apart, her as a waitress, he on TV. But through the ups and through the downs, we see what they miss; two people in love.

Hathaway and Sturgess work beautifully together, their chemistry almost palpable such is its strength. Her longing for him lies just beneath the surface, barely suppressed and ready to break. His passion for her rages equally strongly, but lies deeper and more hidden in spite of himself.

While Hathaway's transformation from ungainly student to sophisticated gamine is both compelling and persuasive, it is Sturgess who impresses. Superficial and hedonistic, he is despised by his father, a resolute

Ken Stott, disowned by his mother - touchingly played by Patricia Clarkson, and even abandoned by his soul mate who tells him that she no longer even 'likes him'. But in spite of it all, Sturgess still keeps us close. We put up with the drugs and the booze and the girls, we accept that he is troubled and lost and alone, and we welcome him back as the man he once was as we sense his misgivings over whom he has become. The transformation to the big screen of an episodic and flashback-driven novel is handled with no little skill by Danish Director Lone Scherfig, whose previous best work was *An Education*. *One Day* is not simply a love story with gags. It is the story of life: the dreams we start out with, our hearts full of hope, our successes, our failures, the aspirations we let slip, reality and self-awareness and the compromises we endure.

An outstanding adaptation.
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Picnic 'n' mix

Dads delight at park play for anniversary

DADS invited their youngsters - and their teddy bears - to a special picnic in Greenwich Park.

It was organised by the South East London Dads Group, which celebrated its 3rd anniversary.

The group is run by a steering group of volunteer dads who organise over 400 Stay and Play sessions in Greenwich and Lewisham as well as courses and activities for stay-at-home dads and their children.

Group members were entertained by the Greenwich-based TheatreBugs, with a performance entitled 'Teddy bears Picnic.' There were also balloons, face paints, party games, presents and food.

Local children's writer and part-time home dad of two, Andrew Donkin said:

"It was just the sort of family day we wanted and the kids loved every bit of it."

● For further information on visit www.selondondads.org.uk or email info@selondondads.org.uk

'It was just the sort of family day we wanted and the kids loved every bit of it'

For information on activities or services specifically for fathers and male carers contact Marc James on 020 8921 2768 or by email: dads@greenwich.gov.uk

● Greenwich Council will be holding a free Paediatric First Aid course for fathers/male carers, who are at home with children under 5 years. Dads will learn resuscitation skills, how to deal with minor illnesses and injuries, plus how to spot signs and symptoms of more serious illnesses. The course will run from 12.30 to 2.30pm for three weeks on Thursday, October 6, 13 and 20, at Glyndon Children's Centre, 75 Raglan Road, Plumstead, SE18 7JD. Spaces are limited, so please book by calling Plumstead Children's Centre on 020 8836 9252.

Families enjoy fun meals outdoors

NEARLY 1,000 people laid out their picnic mats for mega picnic events in the park. They spent two afternoons having fun during two Picnic in the Park events hosted by Trust Thamesmead and Gallions Residents' Group.

The gatherings were a chance for the two community organisations to talk to residents about their interests and what they wanted for the area, and how they could be involved in shaping Thamesmead.

Family fun at the picnics included football, arts and crafts, face painting, story-telling and inflatables. There were also performances by Thamesmead Youth Voice members Jerusha and Jecoliah Frimpong. Other community groups and organisations also took part, talking to residents about what was available to them locally. They included Thamesmead Scouts, the 6th Abbey Wood Rainbows, Thamesmead Food Bank, Thamesmead School of Dance and outreach workers from Greenwich Children's Centres.

Janice Jones, Trust Thamesmead's community development manager, said that one in three residents signed up to receive information from the trust and one in five were interested in volunteering and training.

● About 250 Thamesmead residents enjoyed a free street party to celebrate the start of work on The Link - a on multi million pound, state-of-the-art, community hub based under the flyover in Harrow Manor Way. There were gym contests including the Strongest Man competition, football, African drumming, and face painting. Residents also got a behind-the-scenes tour of The Link, to see how building work is progressing and learn what it will offer when The Link is open.



SAT ON THE MAT: youngsters and their parents give a cheer for a great day organised by the South East Londonn Dads Group

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1) BATHWAY, LOVE LANE SERVICE ROAD, MARKET STREET, POLYTECHNIC STREET AND WELLINGTON STREET - TEMPORARY JUNCTION CLOSURES, AND SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY WORKINGS AND PARKING

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to facilitate carriageway and footway works in Market Street, Polytechnic Street and Wellington Street. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:
 - prohibit vehicles from entering or exiting:
 - the service road that links Wellington Street to Love Lane, at its junction with Wellington Street;
 - Market Street at its junction with Wellington Street; and
 - Polytechnic Street at its junction with Wellington Street;
 - suspend the north-eastbound one-way working in Bathway;
 - suspend the north-eastbound one-way working in the south-west to north-east arm of Love Lane;
 - suspend the north-westbound one-way working in Market Street between Wellington Street and Bathway; and
 - suspend the south-eastbound one-way working in Polytechnic Street between Bathway and Wellington Street.
- The above restrictions would not be applied concurrently and would only be applied as and when necessary to allow the execution of the works at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Parking places would be suspended in Bathway and Polytechnic Street between Bathway and Wellington Street as and when indicated by the appropriate signs.
- Whilst the road closure at the junction of Wellington Street with the service road that links Wellington Street to Love Lane is in operation the alternative route for affected traffic would be via Thomas Street.
- Whilst the road closure at the junction of Market Street and Wellington Street is in operation the alternative route for vehicles travelling:
 - eastbound on Wellington Street would be via Wellington Street, Thomas Street, Calderwood Street, Polytechnic Street and Bathway;
 - westbound on Wellington Street would be via Wellington Street, John Wilson Street northbound to the roundabout with the A284 returning eastbound on John Wilson Street onto Castle Road, Mark Street, Polytechnic Street and Bathway.
- Whilst the road closure at the junction of Polytechnic Street and Wellington Street is in operation the alternative route for affected traffic would be via Bathway, Market Street, Calderwood Street and Thomas Street.
- The Order would come into force on 13th September 2011 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately four months to complete.
- Queries concerning the works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5938.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Crown Building
48 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ

Dated 6th September 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 1103H09)



London Borough of Greenwich Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010 Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED) Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The London Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays at -

Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 4QF
or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should write to Development Planning, 5th Floor Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18 6HQ within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the appropriate reference number in full.
Date: 07/09/2011

Steve Paller - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

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| Applicant: | Mrs Lesley Dean | 11/1928/F |
| Development: | 9 BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9RW | |
| Drawing Numbers: | Construction of a sunroom in rear of garden. | |
| Library: | Allocated No:001, 002, 003, 004, Design & Access Statement, Details of Materials and Site Plan. | |
| Conservation Area: | Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT | |
| Applicant: | Mr Matt King | 11/1983/F |
| Development: | 25 WESTGROVE LANE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QP | |
| Drawing Numbers: | Construction of a 2-storey side stairwell enclosure, formation of rear balcony, new windows to west facing side elevations, bicycle enclosure in front garden and enlargement of rear terrace. | |
| Library: | (FL104 (Site Plan), 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and Design & Access Statement. | |
| Conservation Area: | West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE18 8HN | |
| Applicant: | Mr Roger Gregory | 11/2026/F |
| Development: | 4 HEATH VILLAS, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 1PG | |
| Drawing Numbers: | Installation of photovoltaic solar panels. | |
| Library: | Allocated No:001, 002, 003, Design & Access Statement, Solar Panel Document, Photosheet and Site plan. | |
| Conservation Area: | Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL | |
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Transfer day for soccer skills

Charlton pros pass football know-how to young players

by Hollie Varney

CHARLTON ATHLETIC first team players Dale Stephens and Rhys Wiggins visited a football course run by Charlton Community Trust last week.

With fellow team mate Danny Green attending the Priory's sports personality of the year awards earlier in the year, the duo attended the course at the Priory Leisure Centre in Orpington to show their support for the work in the community. Both Addicks players took part in a probing question and answer session with the youngsters, before signing autographs and posing for photos. Alex Haan, Football Development Officer at The Priory Leisure Centre, said, 'The young people always enjoy getting a visit from the Charlton Athletic players and it was great for

both Dale and Rhys to give up some of their time to visit the course'. The Trust has further joined forces with the Priory to deliver a boys and girls football academy for 16-18 year olds, which aims to give students the best opportunity to excel within the classroom, as well as on the football pitch. The unique Academy offers a package of BTEC courses at Level 2 and 3 as well as other qualifications in sports and fitness activities. Students will receive two afternoons of football coaching session with Trust coaches and will have the chance to take their FA level 1 and FA level 2 courses.

• For more information about the Academy, please contact Sean Daly on 08717812095 or email sean.daly@cact.org.uk

TIPS OF THE TRADE. Dale Stephens (in red T-shirt) and Rhys Wiggins give their young charges a few pointers

Charlton shorts...

EX-LIVERPOOL and Charlton Athletic goalkeeper Bob Bolder has been teaching his talents to the younger generation on a goalkeeping course this week at Sparrows Lane. Bob and his team worked on kicking, passing and throwing to teach the young hopefuls the all-round attributes required to be a successful goalkeeper. Bolder reflected on the course, 'It's been a great week with lots of talent and potential on show and I have enjoyed being able to teach the youngsters with my experience'. Sean Daly, Head of Football Development at the Trust added, 'Bob makes these goalkeeping courses very popular and we always have a good turnout. It's great to have a legend such as Bob come along to the course and coach the kids'.

ALONGSIDE Charlton Athletic FC, the Trust hosted a tournament at Sparrows Lane to celebrate youngsters becoming a Young Addick. The tournament proved a popular event with over 90 young people in attendance on the day, along with a number of parents and spectators. Charlton Athletics U18 stars, Harry Osborne and Callum Harriott, also paid a visit to the tournament. Sean Daly, who helped to run the event, said, 'The young Addicks tournament is a club initiative and the Trust is always happy to give their support where needed'.

Runners in chase of hearts

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KEEP ON RUNNING: fundraiser hits his stride

ligament, sustained in a recent match on Charlton Athletic's astroturf pitch at Sparrows Lane, Jamie has been ruled out of football for at least 14 months.

His injury won't prevent him, however, from joining a fund-raising party which will be tackling the heights of Mt. Kilimanjaro in October on behalf of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The restless Glaswegian was on hand in Greenwich Park to cheer on his mates before selflessly steering them after their exertions to the nearby Vanbrugh

pub for what was euphemistically termed "a couple of pints."

All nine of Fridays' Greenwich Park participants will be included among 16 club members taking part in the British Heart Foundation (Nuffield Health) 10k run in Bromley's Norman Park on September 17, as this remarkable bunch of friends continue to combine a passion for football with an equal commitment to supporting medical research.

If invited, GT might well report a game or two this season. Your reporter stands ready.

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Ace of hearts

The team
that scores
every time for
good causes

by Kevin Nolan

AMONG several hundred volunteers who flooded glorious Greenwich Park in support of the British Heart Foundation's 10k charity run were nine members of indomitable Fridays FC.

Inspired by tireless enthusiast Andy Roscoe, jack-of-all-trades and master-of-them-all for the Woolwich and Eltham District League football team, they had raised over £1,000 as we went to press, with pledges expected to swell that impressive total in the near future.

Half of the proceeds will be used to buy Fridays' kit next season, by agreement with the BHF.

Former team manager Dan Flaherty led the way financially with £300 already coughed up but it was slightly built winger Luke Constable who zipped away from his team-mates to complete the hilly, energy-sapping course in the excellent time of 45 minutes.

"Luke's performance came as no surprise to us," commented midfield colleague Jamie McGarrigle, "because his pace helped him to score 31 goals from the left wing last season. He's pretty quick."

Sidelined himself by a ruptured cruciate

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MEN FRIDAYS: the local team relaxes after their 10k charity run in Greenwich Park for the British Heart Foundation

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A guide to applying for a Greenwich secondary school

IF your child is due to start secondary school in September 2012 now is the time to apply for a place at a Greenwich school.

The application period started on 1 September and runs until Monday 31 October. During this time schools will be hosting a series of open days when you can visit, have a tour and see for yourself what's on offer.

Key dates to note

1 September - 31 October

The application process started on 1 September and schools are now hosting their open events. It is recommended that you visit each Greenwich school that you are interested in.

Monday 31 October

The closing date for applications but it is recommended that you submit your application by Friday, 21 October before the half-term holiday.

Monday 1 March 2012

All applicants get a letter, posted first class, giving the outcome of their application. Online applicants also get a notification electronically so they can see the outcome of their application online before receiving their letter through the post.

16 March 2012

The deadline for accepting your offer.

May/June 2012

Appeal hearings.

4 July 2012

Induction day at secondary school.

School open

Blackheath Bluecoat CE School

Tuesday 13 September
6.45pm-8.45pm

Tour of the school
Presentation at 7.30pm

Tuesday 20 September
Saturday 1 October
Tuesday 4 October
9am-12pm

Tour of the school
Presentation at 10.15am

Corelli College

Tuesday 20 September
Wednesday 21 September
Wednesday 28 September
Thursday 29 September
Tuesday 4 October
Wednesday 5 October
Please arrive at 9.15am

Tour of the school and an opportunity to speak with the headteacher at the end of the tour.

Saturday 1 October
9.30am-1pm

Tour of the school
Presentation at 11.30am

Crown Woods College

Saturday 17 September
9.30am-2.30pm

Presentation and a tour of the school.

Tuesday 20 September
Wednesday 21 September
Thursday 22 September
Friday 23 September
Please arrive at 8.45am.

Presentation and a tour of the school.

The Eltham Foundation School

Tuesday 4 October
Wednesday 5 October
Thursday 6 October
9.05am-10.30am

Presentation and a tour of the school

Monday 10 October
6pm-8.30pm

Presentations at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Eltham Hill Technology College

Wednesday 14 September
Friday 16 September
Thursday 22 September
Tuesday 27 September
Please arrive at 9.15am

Presentation at 9.30am.
Tours of the college start at 9.45am

Monday 19 September
6-8pm

Presentation at 7pm

The John Roan School

Wednesday 21 September
Thursday 22 September
9.15am-11am

Presentation and a tour of the school.

Thursday 22 September
6-8pm

Presentations at 6pm and 7pm at the Maze Hill site. Displays will be in the Westcombe Park building.

Plumstead Manor School

Tuesday 20 September
Wednesday 21 September
Thursday 22 September
Tuesday 27 September
Please arrive at 8.45am

Tour of the school and an opportunity to speak with the headteacher at the end of the tour. In addition, from October 4 the school is open to visitors every Tuesday morning at 8.45am for a 9am tour lasting approximately one hour.

Wednesday 28 September
6.30pm-8.30pm

Tour of the school.
Presentation at 8pm

St Paul's Academy

Saturday 24 September
9am-12noon

Presentation and tour of the school.

St Thomas More Catholic School

Wednesday 21 September
6pm-9pm

Presentations at 6.15pm, 7.15pm and 8.15pm

St Ursula's Convent School

Saturday 1 October
10am-1pm

Tours of the school
Presentations at 10.15am, 11am and 11.45am

Monday 10 October
6pm-8.30pm

Presentations at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Thomas Tallis School

Wednesday 28 September
6.30pm-9pm

Presentations at 6.45pm, 7.15pm, 7.45pm and 8.15pm. In addition, the school is open to visitors every Tuesday morning throughout the year from 8.45am-10.15am.

Woolwich Polytechnic School

Saturday 17 September
9am-11.30am

Presentations at 10am and 11am

Wednesday 21 September
Thursday 22 September
9am-12noon

Tour of the school and an opportunity to speak with the headteacher at the end of the tour.



day events



You'll be impressed

THIS is a very good time to be choosing a Greenwich secondary school. Standards have been rising year on year. GCSE results have improved and the really important subjects of English and Maths are now higher than the national average. Seventy-five per cent of Greenwich schools are now rated as either outstanding or good by Ofsted - well above the national average.

Councillor Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Performance at GCSE has been improving consistently and an ever increasing number of students are being motivated to stay on beyond 16 to gain advanced qualifications and go on to university. At the same time, the council is investing substantially to provide new or improved buildings and facilities. In return for this investment in the quality of what we provide, we ask that young people invest their time and commitment to learning, to reach their full potential and achieve their goals. It's vitally important that parents and pupils get to know our schools at first hand and I strongly recommend that you visit the Greenwich schools in which you may be interested. You will see for yourself the excellent work they are doing and I think you will be impressed."

Apply online

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- The online system is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- There's no risk that your application will get lost or delayed in the post
- You will receive confirmation that your application has been submitted successfully.

Apply on time

It's important to apply on time, and although the deadline for applications is 31 October, it's recommended that you submit your application by Friday 21 October before the half-term holiday.



*Apply online,
apply on time!*

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Need support?

Parents and carers who need support with the school admissions process can get help from the borough's Families Information Service. The service is available to everyone and provides: a wide range of information on local secondary schools; support in making informed and realistic preferences, and information about the appeals process.

If you have questions about which schools will best meet your child's academic and development needs, or require support in making your application, please contact the Families Information Service on 020 8921 6921 or at fiis@greenwich.gov.uk



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